

SPEED GIBSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE

This is a 1937, 1938 syndicated radio serial complete in one hundred and seventy-eight episodes. The players include John Gibson, Howard McNear, Hanley Stafford, Jack Mathers, and Elliott Lewis.

1. Chief Riley of the International Secret Police assigns agents Clint Barlowe and Barney Dunlap to track down the Octopus gang in Hong Kong. When the men leave, Octopus henchman Blacky Spears, who has tapped the telephone, captures Clint's nephew, orphan Speed Gibson. Speed knocks him out.

2. Speed is sworn into the service. The three will fly to China under cover identities. They recognize a smuggler traveling on the same clipper.

3. The clipper takes off after the smuggler fails to stop the agents from boarding. In Hawaii, Speed saves little Jean Kingsley from drowning. She and Marcia Winfield, her governess, are booked on the same plane as the officers. A warning from the Octopus is received.

4. Jean suspects Speed's secret. The boy spots an intruder climbing to their rooms. Clint fights the man.

5. The intruder, the smuggler, is captured and turned over to the police. In Hong Kong, the Octopus, unseen, addresses Kwan Lu and Splinters, a pilot. The aviator is to capture Speed Gibson at Wake Island.

6. A typhoon grounds the clipper at Wake. Splinters is already there, supposedly to set a speed record.

7. Marcia Winfield warns the boys about Splinters. Jean had heard him radio Hong Kong. The aviator invites Speed to see his bullet plane. Clint and Barney follow them into the typhoon.

8. Speed had knocked Splinters out at the plane. The Octopus learns of his capture. Splinters, actually renegade Navy pilot Ted Baily, is about to talk when the window is shattered.

9. Splinters disappears as the boys react to the smashed window. A message from the Octopus warns them again. Marcia tells how the Octopus had corrupted her engineer brother. He had sent her a map of the criminal's headquarters. Barney is to fly the bullet plane to Hong Kong.

10. Barney takes off for Guam. Clint has the map. From the clipper, Speed sees the bullet plane dive under remote control.

11. Barney regains control of the plane and lands at Guam. Speed realizes that they can triangulate future Octopus broadcasts. Mr. X appears and demands the map.

12. The boys chase off X. Clint has copied the map. The Octopus orders a manilla agent to stop the secret police operatives.

13. In Manilla, Clint recalls previous encounters with the Octopus gang. The group escapes an ambush. The clipper reaches Hong Kong.

14. Dr. Kingsley meets the plane. Kwan Wu is with him. Later, Kingsley tells of the Octopus' dope smuggling activities. A dragon knife is hurled at Barlowe.

15. Clint survives the wound. The Octopus orders him stopped before he can interfere with a shipment of slaves. Prowlers stalk the garden.

16. Clint calls the police, and the attackers are captured. After the boys' rooms are searched, Barlowe finds a jade stone.

17. The agents meet Li Ying, Hong Kong secret police operative, in his tea shop. He tells them of the Tibet oil project, and slave smuggling on the Seong river. A message tells Clint to contact Kingsley. They learn that Marcia has disappeared.

18. The Octopus orders Marcia carried away on his flower boat when it departs with a cargo of opium after landing slaves. He again warns Clint to stop interfering with his plans.

19. The boys lead Li Ying's agents to the Seong dock. They see the box carrying Marcia, and spot Kwan Wu. Speed is pushed into the path of the flower boat.

20. Clint pulls Speed to safety. The boy had seen Marcia in the box. He and Barney see slaves unloaded. Barlowe moves in with Li Ying's men, but the flower boat gets away. Clint plans to fly after it.

21. Barney and Clint take off in the bullet plane to search for the flower boat. The Octopus sends a fighter to shoot them down. Speed spots the pursuing ship.

22. Speed radios a warning of the Octopus plane. The enemy ship opens fire.

23. Low on gas, Barney dives at the attacking plane, then lands in the river. American engineer Bob Gilmore helps them ashore. Speed has disappeared while seeking help.

24. Speed goes to Si Ying. The flower boat approaches Gilmore's dock.

25. Gilmore and the boys board the flower boat, then search the cargo. Speed heads upriver in a police launch with Li Ying and his men. Crewmen capture Clint and Barney. They are to be thrown overboard in weighted crates.

26. Before being captured, Gilmore had seen boxes offloaded. Speed and Si Ying arrive in the police boat. The Octopus orders the Americans thrown overboard. They battle the crew.

27. Li Ying's men board the boat, capturing captain Hop Toy and the crew. Bob Gilmore tells of Larry Winfield's employment with the Merritt Oil Company. The Octopus radios another warning, and threatens Marcia.

28. Bob tells of Larry Winfield's loss of enthusiasm for his work, then his departure. He is sworn into the secret police. Clint assigns him to do a survey of Tibet. Bob's houseboy, Yen, is seen at the bullet plane.

29. Yen was only examining the airship. On the return flight, the boys radio Kingsley, who is examining the map. His transmission is cut off as he begins to tell of his findings.

30. In Hong Kong, the doctor explains how his radio went dead. He suspected sabotage by the Octopus and sent for a police guard. The map seems to indicate an area of the waterfront - the bund - near the Seong dock. Kwan Wu is ordered to discourage Kingsley. Marcia is a drugged prisoner. The agents plan to search for the tunnel entrance while disguised as orientals.

31. Kwan Wu suggests Kingsley cease opposition to the Octopus, implying danger to Jean. Octopus men in an underground hanger prepare a seawater pump to trap the policemen. Speed discovers the opening to the tunnel.

32. Jean arrives and enters the tunnel with Speed. Clint and Barney follow. A masked Kwan Wu shuts the sea wall panel, then operates the pump.

33. Jean and Speed reach the end of the passage, which is blocked by a heavy door. Clint and Barney arrive. Then, water rises around them.

34. Kingsley tells Li Ying of Jean's disappearance. They summon police and head for the dock to seek the entrance to the tunnel. Li Ying suspects Kwan Wu.

35. Kingsley, Ying, and the police begin to break through the sea wall. The Octopus orders his inner chamber dynamited. The explosives are fired.

36. The water recedes when the blast destroys the inner door. Carried to the other end of the tunnel, Clint sees Li Ying's men break in. They reach the others, but Speed has disappeared.

37. Speed had stumbled into another secret passage. He gets out, but the door closes as the others approach. The Octopus plans to blast the tunnel when the police search it. Bob Gilmore radios that he has located Marcia Winfield.

38. Gilmore had seen Marcia, drugged, at a native hut. Barney flies to save the girl. The Octopus has sent Splinters upriver in his plane ahead of him.

39. The Octopus orders Splinters to kill Gilmore. Barney lands as he threatens the engineer. Splinters escapes and takes off. Meanwhile, Clint is caught in Li Ying's burning laboratory.

40. Li Ying pulls Clint from the flames. Bob and Barney take off to find Marcia. The Octopus orders Splinters to fly her to Tibet.

41. Marcia is gone when Barney and Bob reach the shack. As Speed, Clint, and the police search the tunnel, the Octopus watches from his observation room. Clint shouts a warning when Speed tries to open the rock door.

42. Clint uses a rope to open the door from a distance, and escapes the resulting explosion. Kwan Wu visits Kingsley to set a trap for all of the Octopus' enemies. Barney and Bob return to Hong Kong.

43. The agents gather at Kingsley's home, where they question Kwan Wu. Speed sees that the man's ring is missing the jade stone Clint found earlier.

44. Barlowe suspects that Kwan Wu is desperate to leave the house before an Octopus raid. The master criminal is ready to take off from his underground hanger. First, his men will attack Kingsley's home through a secret passage. The doctor's phone is dead.

45. Barney handcuffs Kwan Wu. Gilmore goes to alert the guards and summon more police. Raiders have taken out the sentries. The Octopus, masked, leads his men into the house through the secret entrance. They slug Bob. Speed and Jean see the intruders come in. He takes her out through the secret passage. They meet the Octopus as shots ring out inside.

46. The policemen are captured. Clint asks that Jean, Kingsley, and Speed be released. Instead, the Octopus orders them prepared for execution. Gilmore, revived, summons Li Ying and reinforcements.

47. The Octopus offers to free Jean and the others in exchange for the key to the secret police code. Clint refuses. Then, the police attack. The Octopus flees through the passage. He and Kwan Wu are trapped between the police agents and Li Ying's men. The outer panel opens.

48. It is Barney who comes out. The Octopus has escaped into another passage. After a fruitless search, the boys call it a night.

49. The Octopus and Kwan Wu leave the secret passage in the room where the boys are sleeping. Barney hears them. When the policemen surprise the intruders, the Octopus detonates a gas bomb and flees through the window.

50. The boys get clear of the gas. The fugitives escape when the Octopus impersonates Clint in the dark garden. Barlowe recalls another man who could imitate voices. Kwan Wu and his master separate, to meet later at the hanger. Clint suspects the Octopus is seeking the oil that the Merritt Company may have located in Tibet. Shots are fired in Kingsley's garden.

51. The guards had fired at Kwan Wu, who dropped his map of the secret hanger. Li Ying offers a six passenger police plane if a flight to Tibet is necessary. Bob believes the map indicates a hill outside the city. The boys lead police there. The Octopus orders his planes to take off as guards warn of approaching enemies.

52. The police leave the cars and spread out. The hill opens. Planes taxi out. The ships take off, then fire on the attackers. The Octopus signals his men to continue the flight to Tibet. Clint leads the surviving police into the hanger. The remaining Octopus men surrender. Barlowe sees a sentry about to shoot Speed.

53. Clint wounds the attacker. He, Chang, admits that his master is flying to Tibet. He was involved in smuggling, there. His destination is known as "The Spirit of the Expanse of Great Fear."

54. Chang indicates the Black Pass as his master's immediate destination. The Octopus cannot raise the hanger by radio. Chang disappears from a locked office, there.

55. Kingsley agrees to take Jean to Tibet. Chang radios the Octopus that the police will follow him. He is ordered to stow away on their plane and kill the pilot. The boys find Li Ying knocked out near the police ship.

56. The enemy planes land to refuel. The police take off. Chang attacks Barney, who is at the controls.

57. Speed helps Barney overpower Chang. The automatic pilot saves the ship. They leave the prisoner at the Chunking police post for questioning. Speed, Jean, and Kingsley receive a radio message ordering them to follow the dragon in a Chinese parade if they wish to see Clint again.

58. Suspecting a trick, they radio the police post. Clint is there, safe. The Octopus has prepared a "welcome" at Dashan Lu, the Tibet border station. The agents fly there.

59. Landing, they are met by officials who require a meeting. Clint explains their mission to a Mr. Ming. Later, an avalanche threatens the party.

60. They dig themselves out of the snow. Clint suspects that Martin, a government attache who met their plane, was involved. As native drums sound, the group flies out.

61. Clint has decided to avoid the Black Pass, fly directly to Nagchuka, and drop off Kingsley and Jean. The Octopus is there ahead of them, and assumes the identity of Paul Monier, French scientist, with Kwan Wu as his mute assistant. Officials will keep his arrival confidential, respecting a need for privacy in his research. The boys spot his plane on the ground below.

62. Barney lands beside the enemy ship. Mu, a local official, arrests the entire party. "Monier" has denounced them as imposters acting for another government. The Octopus plane flies off as they are taken before the chief of police.

63. The agents show their credentials. Chief Pepo cables for verification. The Octopus lands near Lhasa at the Pass of the Iron Dagger, his Tibetan headquarters. Pepo agrees to cooperate when Chief Riley's wire identifies his agents.

64. Pepo tells of the palace Monier inhabits at the pass. Police will accompany the agents there by land. Bob, Jean, and Kingsley are to stay behind.

65. The boys reach the pass. The Octopus demonstrates devices which can destroy a victim with twenty thousand volts of electricity or drop him through the floor into a torture chamber. Police surround the building and locate the Octopus plane. Monier is seen through a window. Clint orders an attack.

66. Monier opens the door. He bluffs Pepo and the agents. Clint later vows to prove his enemy's identity. The Octopus sends men to follow the secret policemen.

67. Barney is to be kidnapped from Lhasa to force him to reveal the key to the secret police code. Enemies attack him in his hotel room.

68. The others find Barney missing, and suspect that he has been taken to the palace. There, he has been placed in the thought recorder machine. The process could be fatal. Clint applies makeup while Speed cables Chief Riley.

69. The thought recorder, with Barney, is lowered to the torture chamber when an alarm signals the approach of the secret police. Monier shows his lab to the newcomers. Speed trips over the trap door.

70. Monier denies knowledge of the secrets of the castle, and refuses to let Speed search. Barney learns that the policemen are surrounded by hidden armed guards. The party leaves, but Clint and Speed will sneak back in. Pepo will attack if they fail to return.

71. Speed and Clint get into the basement. They find the torture chamber, but Barney has been raised back into the laboratory.

72. The policemen observe Kwan Wu seeking the thought recorder helmet. Suspecting there are intruders, the Octopus orders his men to search the building. The agents find themselves between groups of enemies.

73. Kwan Wu finds the helmet and returns to his master. The guards are called back. Clint and Speed get out, then return to Lhasa. The Octopus plans to kidnap local villagers and send them to India as slaves. The recorder shows no readings from Barney's mind.

74. The Octopus releases Barney, hypnotized to remove his memory of recent events. Pepo takes the agents to La Sho Djeering, a respected local leader. His son, Darwa, is Speed's age. Speed buys a printed prayer for the return of Barney from a lama. Then the man appears - in his pajamas.

75. The agents meet Darwa and La Sho Djeering. Speed pushes the boy down when an arrow is fired at them. It carries a warning from the Octopus. Djeering agrees to cooperate with the police.

76. The archer escapes. Clint holds the arrow for fingerprints. Darwa gives Speed his favorite bow. Monier visits La Sho as the agents enjoy his hospitality.

77. Djeering realizes that Monier is a dangerous, evil man. He invites the agents to visit a country home near the palace.

78. Believing he recognizes the Octopus, Clint plans to photograph the man. The criminal radios Kwan Wu, who reports the arrival of the slaves. Speed and Darwa see the Octopus drive back to his castle. The boys plan to take a hidden camera there, while disguised as shepherds.

79. Speed and Darwa encounter a guard while checking out the palace. Speed gets inside. Clint discovers that his camera is gone.

80. Clint and the others speed to the castle as a storm blows up. The Octopus sees that one shepherd is gone, and orders the other brought to him. Speed follows Darwa to the laboratory and is recognized by his enemy. The Octopus is about to put them out to certain death in the storm when Clint arrives.

81. Clint saves the boys. Monier makes them all welcome. Later, Speed reveals that he took pictures of the disguised Octopus. Barlowe will telephoto them to Chief Riley from Lhasa. The Octopus orders the slaves drugged and shipped out. Should there be trouble, they will be dropped into the shaft of death. He leaves for Djeering's home.

82. Monier arrives after Clint and La Sho leave. In Lhasa, a lama addresses Barlowe by name and tells him that Marcia is held prisoner near Lake Tengrinor, then tells him to take incense back. Speed had told Monier that Clint went to Lhasa for that incense. Monier rushes out.

83. Speed and Clint will fly to the lake from Nagchuka. Djeering sets up a short wave radio for communication. The Octopus orders Kwan Wu to murder Marcia Winfield and her brother. The agents see torches moving near the enemy castle.

84. In Nagchuka, the boys alert Pepo and check out the plane. Kingsley, Jean, and Bob Gilmore arrive. A policeman brings news of shepherds disappearing from nearby villages. Clint and Speed take off.

85. Kwan Wu heads for the lake. Pepo sends men to locate the slavers. Speed sees an inhabited hut near the lake. Clint radios Barney, but his signal is cut off. Then, Dunlap hears the Octopus transmitting orders to his servant.

86. Clint lands behind a hill near the cabin. He reestablishes contact with Barney, who warns him that Kwan Wu is heading their way. Speed and Clint go through a storm to the shack. They find Marcia and her brother, drugged. The policemen climb to a loft as the Octopus plane lands. Splinters and Kwan Wu enter, then hear sounds from above.

87. When their enemies go to radio the Octopus, the agents plan to capture them. Kwan Wu thinks he has seen Splinters' plane...then realizes that it was a police ship. Clint and Speed drop down and arrest them. Guards appear, and shots ring out.

88. The police get the drop on the guards, but Kwan Wu escapes to his plane during the fight. Splinters helps them take the Winfields out. Kwan Wu reports to his master, who realizes that Barlowe overheard references to the slave raids. The police plane lands at Djeering's home. Shots are fired, and Splinters goes down.

89. Splinters, only wounded, revives. He tells of slaves held in the palace until they can be sent to Modak for shipment to India.

90. The agents will fly Marcia and Larry to Nagchuka. Then, they will head for the pass, leaving Speed behind. Splinters is hidden when Monier visits. The man panics when he hears the voice of the Octopus and struggles to escape.

91. Marcia revives while Clint shows Monier out. Splinters calms down when his master leaves. Marcia tells of giving a message to a passing Lama. The police plan to inspect the base at Black Pass.

92. The party returns to Nagchuka. At the hotel, the Winfields are reunited with Kingsley and his daughter. The Octopus orders Chang to prepare to lead the planes in an attack. Henchmen ambush the Tibetan police and kill their prisoners.

93. The police will simultaneously attack the slave stations at Mardac and the castle. The Octopus orders his planes flown to the palace. Pepo's police arrive as the pilots try to take off.

94. Pepo is wounded, but Chang and the aviators are captured and disarmed. Chang claims they are employed by Paul Monier to protect him and his inventions. Clint sends Barney to fly Pepo back. Overhearing their radio conversation, the Octopus orders Kwan Wu to shoot down the police plane.

95. Barney gets the Octopus' papers, then flies out with Pepo and Chang. The enemy plane attacks.

96. Barney dodges into the clouds. When he dives at the other plane, Pepo shoots it down with their machine gun. Larry recovers from the vapors of sleep. Riley is unable to identify the Octopus from Speed's photographs. Winfield tells of being drawn into the criminal's power by Kwan Wu. Barney lands safely. Clint prepares to attack the palace.

97. Larry explains that Kwan Wu sought data that he had gathered for his employer. The Octopus imprisoned him when he refused to reveal it. He was framed for stealing his company's secrets. Winfield verifies that Speed's pictures are not of the real Paul Monier. Kwan Wu, surviving the crash, reaches the palace. The Octopus has assembled an army to fight the police and conquer Tibet.

98. Clint and his men reach the castle. They see Octopus forces posted for defense. Using darkness for cover, they get to a basement entrance. Speed leads them to the laboratory. They capture the Octopus. Then, Kwan Wu covers Speed from behind.

99. Gilmore's men attack. This distracts Kwan Wu, and the policemen overpower their enemies. Outside, the other police have beaten the Octopus' thugs. Barlowe plans to fly their prisoners out of Tibet. Barney and Larry will go ahead to Nagchuka. Shots are heard outside the castle.

100. An escape attempt was thwarted by the police. The agents take off with their prisoners. Over the Himalayas, Kwan Wu opens the door and the Octopus jumps out.

101. In New York, Clint reports that Barney is hospitalized in India with a native fever. Chief Riley assigns "Smiley" Preston to accompany the agents on a new assignment in Africa. An "Atlantis Syndicate" has been financed to seek the lost continent beneath the Sahara desert. After a few artifacts were found, there were no more results. The investors have asked the secret police to investigate for possible fraud. Riley offers his men a new seaplane. A cable from Morocco tells of the disappearance of an investor and the mark of the Octopus.

102. Clint, Speed, and Smiley Preston fly out. Leeds and Davis are aboard as mechanic and navigator. First stop is Bermuda. Speed smells smoke from the baggage compartment.

103. Smiley extinguishes the fire. Leeds and Davis are suspected of starting it. In Bermuda, an attractive woman, Lota, asks Smiley and Speed for help. Speed suspects trouble, but Preston walks into a trap. Lota's friends will arrive to ambush the police.

104. Smiley realizes that Lota is using him as bait for the other agents. Peters plans to kill the police with a silenced gun. Clint makes a phone call, then returns to the cafe with Speed. Smiley shouts a warning as shots are fired.

105. The agents capture Peters and Lota. Clint's call had summoned police. Lota, fearing the Octopus, won't talk. En route to the Azores, their next stop, the boys discover that their water tanks are empty.

106. Clint checks Leeds and Davis into an Azores hospital. He takes the others to guard their plane. They surprise Leeds at the controls. He claims to be repairing them. The man rushes out when Speed hears the ticking of a bomb.

107. Smiley shoots Leeds as Clint disarms the bomb. The agents find a paper in his luggage describing their route...ending at Madeira. Then, Leeds takes poison.

108. The boys reach Madeira. Mr. Philippa, of the Portugese authorities, welcomes them and offers them a ride on the cobblestone path down a mountain. Davis begs off, but the others board a sled cart for the descent. Davis, who had borrowed Clint's coat, is shot. They take him aboard and begin the wild ride down the slope.

109. The sled cracks up. All escape except Davis, who is dead. The shot had been fired from a knoll which was once a pirate lookout post. They suspect the killer is hiding in the nearby "Whispering Cave." Philippa takes them there in his launch. Speed stands guard as the others enter the cave. They drop to the ground when someone appears inside.

110. The agents enter the cave when the guard disappears. Outside, Speed sees an armed boat heading in. Clint and the others hear the Octopus' men receive orders from their master. Then, Speed fires warning shots. The gangsters rush out at the intruders.

111. The police overpower their attackers. Outside, they make Dixon signal the boat to move on to Regas Cove. Clint and Speed return to the cave when they see an armed party landing from the craft. Then, crewmen uncover a cannon.

112. The police retreat to the back of the cave as the tide rises. They use Dixon's radio to try to contact an experimental ultra-short wave station. Dixon dumps one of their two canteens of water. Then, the Octopus is heard. The enemy boat shells the cave.

113. A second gun is heard, then silence. A motorboat comes in with police. They had been investigating smuggling nearby, heard Clint's broadcast, and moved in to capture the outlaw boat. The boys take off for Morocco. Speed finds a stowaway, a beautiful girl.

114. The stowaway is Marie Duchamp. She tells of fleeing from Ronald Cudrain, to whom she had been engaged since childhood. Clint realizes that Cudrain is the son of one of the Atlantean investors. In Casablanca, Speed and Marie disappear.

115. Speed had taken Marie to shelter from the sun. Smiley escorts her to the home of friends. When he fails to return, Clint and Speed go to the address she gave. The house is deserted. Inside, they find Smiley's lucky rabbit's foot, stained with blood.

116. The boys report to Achmed, of the Moroccan police, and cable Riley. They learn that Carlos Devalier, a secret policeman from the Argentine, is nearby. He can guide them in Africa if Smiley is lost. Learning that Clint and Achmed have returned to the Luzon street house, the Octopus plans to capture the other agents to learn the secret police code. The death of Smiley is reported to him.

117. Clint discovers a secret room and enters alone. He finds only bloodstains. A false message lures Achmed away. Another message is intended to bring police from headquarters. Instead, Speed rushes to the house alone. Barlowe, trapped in a secret passage, hears Speed outside. The boy hides when someone comes in, but is discovered and attacked.

118. The secret panel opens as Speed overpowers his attacker, the Arab messenger. The prisoner takes them to Achmed and his men. Clint and Speed fly to Mazagan, where they are to meet Carlos at Spinny's gardens. There, Arabs threaten them, and one rushes forward with raised knife.

119. The boys retreat into the garden. The Arab follows, begging alms, and reveals himself as Carlos Devalier. Clint explains that they seek Buchanan, who disappeared in Central Africa. The Octopus hears of their activities, and suspects Devalier's identity. He sends men to his rooms,

120. Clint and Speed go to Carlos' rooms, disguised as Arabs. They plan to seek Buchanan at Leopoldville. Octopus men break into the chamber.

121. Carlos leads the boys out through a trapdoor. The Octopus agents suspect that the passage leads to the Bastion of the Angels, a French powder magazine. Two of them meet a friendly soldier, there. They plan to detonate the explosives.

122. The police reach the magazine...and find a fuse planted by Pierre. Clint cuts it in time. They capture the soldier and the Arabs. Abou, terrified, reveals that the Octopus last spoke from Marakesh. A storm breaks.

123. Clint forces Abou to radio his master. The Octopus agrees to stay in Marakesh until Abou makes another attack on the police. Suspicious, he summons a force of loyal tribesmen. Clint and the others fly through the storm with Abou, their prisoner. Carlos spots armed enemies on the walls of Marakesh.

124. Barlowe circles until dawn, then dives around the Foreign Legion post. Speed drops a message. The legionnaires rush to the square as the plane lands.

125. Commandant Ricard knows Carlos. Abou leads them to the Octopus' headquarters. The man escapes, leaving a pygmy to silence Abou with a poisoned dart. The police break in. Carlos shouts to the others to drop to the floor when the dart strikes Abou.

126. The Arab's cloak stopped the dart. Clint captures Kiri, the pygmy, and seizes his blowgun. They discover a secret tunnel leading from the wine cellar. As they explore it, Speed shouts to them to return.

127. Speed has found a message from the Octopus. It warns them not to follow him into the Sahara. Clint suspects that he has flown to Leopoldville, instead. The criminal sends Zabu back to spy on his enemies. Speed realizes that their conversation is overheard.

128. The boys will fly to the Atlantean expedition in the Sahara, where Carlos will remain while they move on to the Belgian Congo. The Octopus flies to Carnot first, impersonating a police agent. Zabu is to rouse the local tribes against the Legion. The boys reach their first stop as Arabs attack.

129. The police and legionnaires drive off the enemy. A captured Arab confirms that the Octopus caused the attack. His broadcast threatens their lives. They take off, leaving the Legion to search the area, as their enemy had to be nearby.

130. At Adrar, they learn that a plane had flown over during the night. Again, the troops are turned out to seek the Octopus. They leave for Rigun to refuel. When a sandstorm threatens the ship, Clint tries to take them in for a blind landing.

131. After landing in the desert, the plane is almost buried. Captain Andre takes his company into the desert to search for the agents. Clint sees figures creeping toward the ship.

132. Shots scare off the hyenas Barlowe spotted. Andre's unit turns back, but a soldier is sent on to Rigun. Explosions are heard, and Clint fires shots in reply. Horsemen appear, led by Mickey O'Brien of the Atlantean expedition.

133. O'Brien tells of attacks on his people, which made him suspicious of strangers. They dig the plane out and refuel it. Andre's Legionnaire rides in. Carlos gives Speed his ivory voodoo ring. He stays on as radio operator. The previous radioman is in contact with the Octopus.

134. The Octopus, impersonating a secret policeman, tells the Emir of Carnot that Clint and Speed are international criminals coming to destroy his government. Meantime, Carlos plants a microphone in the radio room to monitor all calls. While landing at Carnot, Speed sees another plane. Soldiers arrest the agents.

135. The Octopus takes off as a third plane lands. Speed's voodoo ring impresses a guard, who leads them to the Emir. Barney Dunlap appears from the new plane and establishes their identities.

136. Clint asks the Emir to warn tribesmen of the Octopus, and maintain short wave contact with the police. When they give the ruler a ride, the Octopus plane dives at them and opens fire.

137. Barney shoots down the attacking ship with a machine gun. The Octopus is not on board. Clint suspects there is a spy in the Emir's camp. The ruler agrees to provide three subjects, somewhat resembling the police, to be imprisoned while the real agents fly on.

138. The boys land in Banana with a gift...Lucky, the Emir's favorite dog. They sail upriver. A landing boat carries them into the rapids, and the vessel slams into a rock.

139. The boatman saves them. They head on to Leopoldville by train. The Octopus realizes that the police are again on his trail. He orders Mrs. Buchanan to be taken from Leopoldville. During an overnight jungle stopover, a leopard menaces Speed Gibson.

140. Clint and Barney rush out in time to kill the big cat. Kinka arrives with news of the Octopus' plans, overheard on the Emir's shortwave radio. Barlowe decides to go ahead to Leopoldville on foot, with Kinka as guide.

141. Kinka and Clint reach Mrs. Buchanan's house, and see a man sneak inside. The intruder, Wallaba, escapes. Mrs. Buchanan tells that her husband had suspected that the finding of Atlantis was faked. A message summoned him to a meeting in a nearby village, and he never returned. The Octopus is heard, demanding that she destroy her husband's papers.

142. Kinka reveals that a local half-caste woman, Tanora, knew Buchanan. Barney uses Lucky to meet her. When he fails to return, the others go to her home.

143. Tanora claims Barney left earlier. She had carried messages to Buchanan. Dunlap reappears, dazed. The "eyes" on the wings of jungle moths had hypnotized him. Kinka collapses from black water fever.

144. Tanora and her father, Chief Yalba, will guide the police to the village where the messages to Buchanan originated. Enroute to Ngoli, a boa constrictor attacks Barney.

145. Clint kills the snake. They carry it to Ngoli as a gift to the chief, Meangi. He tells of a masked man who gave him the messages. Later, he radios the Octopus. The villagers leave as cannibal ants approach. The police are drugged by strange vapors.

146. Clint and Barney carry Speed and the others to safety. They had stayed outside the hut. Hearing the ants, they go back the way they came. A thunderstorm may stop the march of the ants. Tanora and Yalba disappear in the Forest of the Dead.

147. The girl and her father come back, having gone to scout the trail. Clint enlists Yalba's porters to search the jungle for the Octopus' hideout. The criminal orders his natives to attack the intruders.

148. Kinka returns, cured. The hunt for the Octopus begins.

149. The Octopus orders attacks on the police group from several points. War drums are heard, then enemies open fire.

150. The safari reaches the shelter of a fern grove. Elephants stampede, driving off the attackers. Their chief, crushed, is taken prisoner. When the hunt continues, Speed finds an entrance to the Octopus' hideout.

151. Clint and Barney enter with a few natives. They reach the Octopus' laboratory. Books and formulae suggest research into atomic energy. A machine has been removed. A thick door drops across the entrance. The voice of the Octopus is heard, boasting of his invention of a death ray.

152. The air in the laboratory is almost exhausted. Entering the tunnel, Speed discovers that termites have weakened the framework above the door. The warriors break through, and the door collapses. The group heads back to Leopoldville.

153. The police question the injured Meangi. He reveals that the Octopus has gone to the gorilla country around Lake Kiva. The boys will return to Barnana for their plane. Clint sends a Legion ship to pick up Carlos. Yalba makes them Swahili chieftains and gives them amulets. They board the train.

154. A platform is erected to enable the Octopus to test his weapon on the gorillas around the lake. Zabul reports the escape of the police. The master criminal will be waiting for them with the death ray.

155. At Barnana, Kinka gives Speed a necklace of leopard teeth for Lucky. Carlos arrives, and they take off for the flight over the "hungry country." An Octopus broadcast to the expedition radio is heard. He plans to kill Duvalier.

156. The boys land and make camp at Lake Leopold. Natives are seen watching. Later, Speed sees that the elephant grass around them is afire. The plane is loose, and drifting away. Carlos dives into the lake, leaving Speed to drive off the crocodiles with his gun.

157. Clint and Barney run up and add their fire as Carlos drags the mooring line to shore. They pull the plane in. The line had been cut. Fearing an attack, they take off. Both engines suddenly conk out. Clint tries to reach a clearing, but the ship dives at a tree.

158. The plane lands safely, after clipping the tree. Hostile tribesmen appear, led by Chief Nango, who speaks English. Speed's voodoo ring, tear gas grenades, and finally presents win him over. The motors are repaired, and the police fly out.

159. The death ray kills animals and vegetation when tested. The boys land well away from the lake so their engines won't be heard. As they hike out, Barney pauses to adjust his boot. A gorilla appears, then speaks in English.

160. The creature is a native in a gorilla skin, one of many sent by the Octopus to capture the intruders. Lucky chases him off, returning with animal hairs in his teeth. Later, more "gorillas" attack the camp.

161. The police are captured and carried to the enemy village. Gambu, a caged gorilla, goes wild when the Octopus appears. The creature is to be placed in the path of the death ray, as are the prisoners.

162. The natives are frightened off when Gambu calls out to the other gorillas. The Octopus flees with his weapon. Gorillas overrun the village, and one frees Gambu. He leads the other apes at the policemen.

163. Clint dodges a falling tree as the gorillas attack. He gets loose and frees the others. The Octopus plans to use his death ray to conquer the nations of the world. His loyal tribesmen gather. The police don the gorilla skins to travel through the jungle to their plane.

164. The Octopus joins the Atlantean expedition as a representative of the investors. He plants a gold bar to encourage O'Brien. Lucky dashes off onto a side trail, and the others, following, see a shoe print. The trail leads them to a hut as a storm breaks. Moans are heard, and they rush inside.

165. They find John Buchanan, suffering from fever. Carlos brings meat from the jungle. Then, Barney learns that he is dining on monkey.

166. The expedition workers find the planted gold. The Octopus will begin killing the crew and replacing them with his own men. As the boys carry Buchanan to the plane, they see that pygmies have overrun their camp. Carlos realizes that they are headhunters.

167. Carlos and Clint go forward, wearing the gorilla skins. The natives run off. Speed and Barney bring Buchanan. They take off as the pygmies attack with poison darts. The Octopus orders the murder of O'Brien.

168. Buchanan revives during the flight. At Leopoldville, they return him to his wife. Clint sends a message, alerting the Legion. The Emir of Carnot reports a gathering of hostile tribes. Speed disappears.

169. The others find Speed struggling with a native. The man saw the voodoo ring and tried to hire him as a magician. Buchanan tells how the Octopus buried the investors' money, in gold, in the desert. The criminal prepares an ultimatum to the leaders of the world's nations. His Leopoldville agent reports the arrival of Buchanan and the police.

170. The police fly to Carnot. Carlos stays behind to bring Buchanan in Barney's plane. Clint and Barney will fly to Rigun, then approach the expedition with a caravan. As they drive to the plane, another car deliberately rams them.

171. The Emir is hurt. When he recovers, they question the driver of the enemy car in his presence, but learn nothing. Speed and Barney fly on to Rigun.

172. The Octopus anticipates the move, and radios a beautiful agent, Sari, to meet the plane and work her wiles on Barney. Clint suspects trouble, so unloads the important papers and equipment from the ship.

173. Captain Renaldi of the Legion organizes a caravan for the officers, and assigns some of his best men to accompany them. The main force will follow, ready to move in. The police plane is set afire.

174. Sari's footprint is found near a discarded gas can. Her fingerprints are on it. After she is arrested, the caravan moves out.

175. The legionnaires fire a flare when a plane is heard, and Carlos lands with Buchanan. Then, desert raiders attack.

176. Machine gun fire drives off the attackers. Buchanan says that he can identify the Octopus, having seen him unmasked. The criminal learns that a police plane has joined the caravan. He prepares the death ray and summons loyal tribesmen. Barney spots the expedition camp as a sandstorm blows up.

177. Clint, Carlos, and Barney enter the camp as travelers seeking shelter, leaving Speed, Buchanan, and the legionnaires behind. They notice a new building. Meanwhile, Speed goes to check out the camp. The boys locate the death ray in the building. The Octopus appears and realizes that he faces the secret police. They heave grenades at the ray machine when Speed enters and covers the criminal.

178. The death ray is destroyed. Outside, the Legion attacks. The police arrest the Octopus and drive off his guards. Renaldi has captured the tribesmen and recovered the buried gold...led to it by Zabu. Buchanan identifies the Octopus. The French government turns a plane over to the agents. They fly out with Buchanan and their prisoner, saluted by the men of the Foreign Legion.

The End

Notes: The serial is sold as complete in one hundred and seventy-eight episodes. Could be, but there are gaps in continuity, followed by the announcer's descriptions of events not heard, as between chapters two and three, or one twenty and one twenty-one. Spelling of names is taken from an atlas, an encyclopaedia, and many guesses. At least they approximate what is heard on the tapes. My reels run slow. Best results have come from adjusting the pitch until "Splinters" sounds like Elliott Lewis and eight episodes fit onto one ninety minute cassette.